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In re Application of:
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 Gregory S. HAMILTON, et al.
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 Serial No.: 09/204,238
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 Filed: December 3, 1998
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 For: MULTIPLE HETEROATOM
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 CONTAINING HETEROCYCLIC RING
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 COMPOUNDS SUBSTITUTED WITH
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 19, 2001. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire December 19, 2001. Accordingly, this Response is filed within the time period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and to issue a notice of allowance for all claims pending in this application - claims 73-86.

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